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Attorney Docket No. MATP-606US

First Inventor Robert Stenzel

Title METHOD OF REVERSE PLAY FOR PREDICTIVELY CODED
COMPRESSED VIDEO

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 17]
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C.113) [Total Sheets 3]
5. Oath or Declaration
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
 - c. Unexecuted Declaration
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
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 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
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 - ii. paper
 - c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. Other: Statement of Facts in Support of Filing on Behalf of Nonsigning Inventor; Copy of Inventor Agreement; Petition to Permit Filing; Copies of correspondence to Robert Stenzel; Checks; and Certificate of Express Mail

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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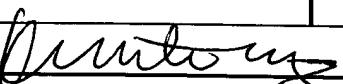
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	740		
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee			
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee			
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee			
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee			
SUBTOTAL (1)						(\$ 740)	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	10	-20**	=	0	X	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	5	-3**	=	2	X	84	168
Multiple Dependent					X		0

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)				(\$ 168)

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105	130	205	65	SurchARGE - late filing fee or oath			
127	50	227	25	SurchARGE - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet			
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification			
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination			
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month			
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month			
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month			
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month			
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month			
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal			
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing			
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable			
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive – unintentional			
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee			
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee			
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
123	150	123	150	Petitions related to provisional applications			
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt			
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)			
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))			
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))			
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			
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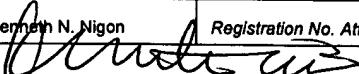
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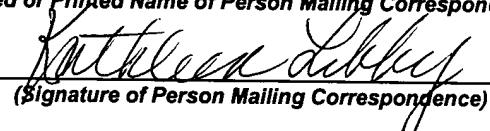
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For: METHOD OF REVERSE PLAY FOR :
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**STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF FILING ON BEHALF OF
NONSIGNING INVENTOR (37 C.F.R. § 1.47)**

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This statement is made as to the exact facts that are relied upon to establish the diligent effort made to secure the execution of the declaration by the nonsigning inventor for the above-identified patent application before deposit thereof in the Patent and Trademark Office.

This statement is being made by the available person having first-hand knowledge of the facts recited therein.

IDENTIFICATION OF PERSON MAKING THIS STATEMENT OF FACTS

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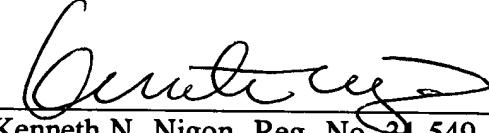
**DETAILS OF REFUSAL OF NONSIGNING INVENTOR
TO SIGN APPLICATION PAPERS**

The following efforts were made to secure the execution of the nonsigning inventor:

- 1) On March 26, 2001, the first draft of the patent application was sent via Federal Express to Robert Stenzel at Panasonic AVC American Laboratories, Inc., 311 Main Street, Westampton, New Jersey 08060 from Ratner & Prestia at One Westlakes Drive (Berwyn), Suite 301, P.O. Box 980, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0980. The Federal Express Tracking number provided confirmation of receipt of documents.
- 2) On March 29, 2001, a second copy of the first draft of the patent application was sent via Federal Express to Robert Stenzel at 1892 West Point Drive, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 from Ratner & Prestia at One Westlakes Drive (Berwyn), Suite 301, P.O. Box 980, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0980. The Federal Express Tracking number provided confirmation of receipt of documents.
- 3) On August 8, 2001, a proposed patent application along with unexecuted documents for signature were sent via Federal Express to Robert Stenzel at 1892 West Point Drive, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 from Ratner & Prestia at One Westlakes Drive (Berwyn), Suite 301, P.O. Box 980, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0980. The Federal Express Tracking number provided confirmation of receipt of documents.
- 4) On August 20, 2001, a letter was sent via certified mail to Robert Stenzel at 1892 West Point Drive, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003. The letter requested Mr. Stenzel to execute and return the documents that were sent to him on August 8, 2001. The letter was signed for by Diane Stenzel on August 22, 2001.
- 5) On August 27, 2001, a letter was sent via certified mail to Robert Stenzel at 1892 West Point Drive, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003. The letter requested Mr. Stenzel to execute and return the documents that were sent to him on August 8, 2001. The letter was signed for by Diane Stenzel on August 30, 2001.
- 6) On August 31, 2001, a copy of the application with inventor comments was received from Robert Stenzel.
- 7) On September 10, 2001, a revised proposed patent application along with unexecuted documents for signature were sent via Federal Express from Ratner & Prestia at One Westlakes Drive (Berwyn), Suite 301, P.O. Box 980, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0980.

- 8) On September 24, 2001, a letter was sent via certified mail to Robert Stenzel at 1892 West Point Drive, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003. The letter requested Mr. Stenzel to execute and return the documents that were sent to him on September 10, 2001. The letter was signed for by Diane Stenzel on September 25, 2001.
- 9) On October 5, 2001, a letter was sent via certified mail to Robert Stenzel at 1892 West Point Drive, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003. The letter requested Mr. Stenzel to execute and return the documents that were sent to him on September 10, 2001. The letter was signed for by Diane Stenzel on October 8, 2001.
- 10) On October 16, 2001, a letter was sent via certified mail to Robert Stenzel at 1892 West Point Drive, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003. The letter requested Mr. Stenzel to execute and return the documents that were sent to him on September 10, 2001.
- 11) On November 6, 2001, Ratner & Prestia received the unclaimed letter sent to Mr. Stenzel on October 16, 2001.

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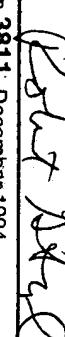
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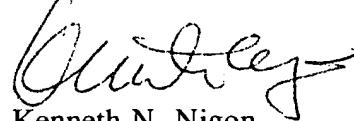
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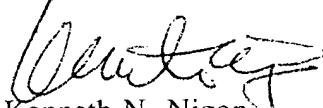
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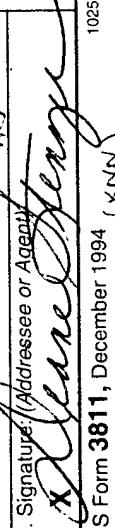
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On March 29, 2001, we first forwarded a draft patent application for your review. Relying upon your statements that you would review the application and assist us in filing it, we authorized PAVCAL to pay you the appropriate inventor's award. Despite repeated reminders conveyed both by telephone and by mail, however, we did not receive any comments from you regarding the draft application until August 31, 2001.

On September 10, 2001 we forwarded a revised proposed patent application and formal documents for your review and signature. Also included was a return Federal Express envelope and label. In addition, on September 24, 2001 and October 5, 2001 we sent you reminder letters via certified mail requesting the above-referenced documents. To date we have not received any communication from you.

We are again asking you to sign and date the Declaration and Power of Attorney as well as the Assignment and return them to us as soon as possible. If we do not receive these documents from you by October 31, we will be forced to consider legal action to recover the inventor's award and to compel you to execute the documents, as required by your employment agreement with PAVCAL.

Mr. Robert Stenzel

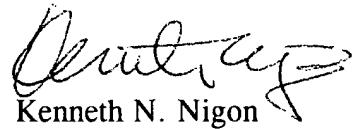
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We look forward to receiving the executed application. Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

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